



Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule May, 2017

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates. See www.nps.gov/sagu for other programs.

May 2, 9, 30 10:00 a.m. **Desert Pollinators** *Easy Stroll*

Join us for this leisurely walk through our Cactus Garden to discover the interrelationships between desert plants and the creatures who pollinate them. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 2, 9, 30 2:00 p.m. **Exploring the Saguaro Wilderness** *Presentation*

Saguaro National Park includes over 70,000 acres of wilderness within its boundaries. Explore what's "up there" with a park naturalist. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00 a.m. **Monsoon Rains in the Desert** *Easy Walk*

Join a park naturalist to learn the vital role monsoon rains play in the lives of Sonoran Desert plants, animals and humans. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 3 & 24 11:00 a.m. **The Point of the Matter is Cactus** *Presentation*

May 13 1:00 p.m.

Cacti are much more than strange plants with spines. They are uniquely equipped to thrive in the desert environment, and every year bloom with spectacular flowers. This theater presentation will highlight these survival marvels with a beautiful photo gallery. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 3, 17, 24, 27 2:00 p.m. **The Changing Cactus Forest** *Presentation*

Change is constant – and accelerating – in the area of Saguaro National Park called the Cactus Forest. We'll take a look at the forest then and now, and consider how the future will shape what your grandchildren see here.

Wheelchair accessible

Mat 4 & 25 10:00 a.m. **Hidden Wildlife** *Garden Walk*

Everyone wants to see wildlife in the park, right? But most wildlife doesn't want to be seen! Learn to look for the signs that animals leave behind as they eke out an existence in the Sonoran Desert. Even in our busy garden, signs of life are all around us! **Wheelchair accessible**

May 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 10:00 a.m. **Cactus Garden Walk** *Easy Stroll*
19, 20, 26, 27

Walk through the Cactus Garden with a park naturalist and discover some interesting facts and stories about the Sonoran Desert. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 5, 19, 21, 26, 28 2:00 p.m. **National Parks: The Second 100 Years** *Presentation*

Celebrate the National Park Service's 100th Anniversary with a tour through time. We'll share history and scenery from every corner of the country, going back 100 years and more! **Wheelchair accessible**

May 5 & 19 3:00 p.m. **A Century of Tales** *Presentation*

Join us as we review a century of fun and interesting stories from those who lived and worked in what today is Saguaro National Park. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 6 & 27 1:00 p.m. **A Sticky Situation at Saguaro** *Presentation*

May 17 11:00 a.m.

Here at Saguaro National Park East we have over thirty species of cacti and each is beautiful in its own way. Finding them all is hard, but we will look at them in a stunning photo gallery and learn a few uses these plants have for those living here and beyond. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 21, 28 10:00 a.m. **Is It A Cactus or A...sparagus?** *Easy Stroll*

Almost everybody knows the giant saguaro: the world's most famous cactus. But what about the other members of the Cactus Family and another group of champion desert-dwellers, the agaves and yuccas? Join us for an introduction to these aces of aridity. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 8 2:00 p.m. **The Adventures of Thelma the Tortoise** *Presentation*

Come discover what happened when one of the park's research desert tortoises decided to break the rules and see the world, with a little help from some friends. **Wheelchair accessible**

Nay 10 & 21 1:00 p.m. **Flash, Whoosh, Gush & Growth: Monsoons** *Presentation*

May 20 11:00 a.m.

The summer heat and humidity bring the mighty and sometimes destructive monsoon rain. Saguaros, toads, and others depend on these drenching afternoons to begin a new season of life in the dry desert. A fabulous video opens this theater presentation. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 12 & 26 3:00 p.m. **Creating Saguaro National Park** *Presentation*

Saguaro National Park has a unique and interesting history. This theater presentation will highlight the commitment, compromise, and decision's that created the Park. **Wheelchair accessible**

May 26 7:00 p.m. **Night Walk** *1 mile guided walk*

Join a park naturalist for this easy two-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. **As space is limited, advanced reservations are required, and can be made by calling (520) 733-5153.**